

SECRET TELEPOUCH

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TO - CHIEF, EUR

INFO - COS, []

FROM - []

SUBJECT - CALL

CONTACT WITH IDENTITY 1 - *Willy ZIRNGIBL*

ACTION - FYI

REFS - EGNS-2867, 22 AUGUST 1967

1. THE UNDERSIGNED FIRST MET SUBJECT /IDEN 1 AND SUBJECT OF REFERENCE/ AT A CDU PARTY CONGRESS IN MARCH 1965 AND WAS IMPRESSED BY HIS INSIDE KNOWLEDGE OF THE POLITICAL SCENE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT WAS SUBJECT WHO TOLD [] IN A SESSION ON 25 APRIL 1965 THAT AN INFLUENTIAL GROUP WAS DISCUSSING A GREAT COALITION AND ALSO PREDICTED THAT KURT GEORGE KIESINGER WAS THE CANDIDATE TO BECOME CHANCELLOR IN THIS CONSTELLATION /CONTACT REPORT NO. 322, 1 MAY 1965/.

2. THE RECENT ^{REP}CABULB CONGRESS GAVE US A WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH SUBJECT - ALSO WITH IDENTITIES 2-5. AT THE RECEPTION GIVEN BY CABULB WE HAD A LONG POLITICAL DISCUSSION WITH SUBJECT AND AGREED TO CONTINUE OUR CONVERSATIONS AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE. THE UNDERSIGNED WAS TO CALL SUBJECT A FEW DAYS AHEAD OF HIS NEXT VISIT TO THE BONN AREA TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A GET-TOGETHER.

3. IN A DISCUSSION WITH [] IT WAS DECIDED THAT IN VIEW OF SUBJECT'S EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH SOME STAFFERS OF [] EMPLOYE THE UNDERSIGNED, WHO IS NOT STATIONED IN BONN AND HAS

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AN ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIP WITH SUBJECT SHOULD CONTINUE TO SEE HIM, ATTEMPT TO BUILD UP RAPPORT AND SOMEHOW REGULARIZE THE CONNECTION BY MORE FREQUENT MEETINGS.

4. A SUPPER WITH SUBJECT ON 14 FEBRUARY 1968 PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A TOUR D' HORIZON OF THE POLITICAL SCENE AND ESTABLISHED THAT SUBJECT WAS INTERESTED IN GETTING TOGETHER MORE FREQUENTLY. HE ASKED FOR [] TELEPHONE NUMBER.

5. AT THIS SUPPER SUBJECT PROVED HIMSELF TO BE EXTREMELY WELL INFORMED. HE HAS RECENTLY REFUSED AN OFFER TO BECOME CHIEF OF IDEN G, BECAUSE AS HE STATES- HE IS NOT ONLY COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT BUT HIS PRESENT POSITION GIVES HIM A STANDING WHICH MAKES IT UNNECESSARY TO SEEK TALKS WITH OFFICIALS, THEY IN- K CLUding CABINET MINISTERS CALL HIM /AND INVITE HI VERY FREQUENTLY TO THEIR HOMES/.

6. WE WILL DEFINITELY KEEP IN TOUCH WITH SUBJECT AND WORK ON IMPROVING OUR RAPPORT TO BE ABLE TO ASSESS HIS PERSONAITY AS PROFOUNDLY AS POSSIBLE.

7. A FEW INTERESTING OBSERVATIONS SUBJECT MADE DURING OUR TWO HOUR DINNER ARE CONTAINED IN ATTACHMENT /USC/. WE WILL REPORT OUR PROGRESS ON THIS CASE REGULARLY.

APPROVED - []
ATTACHMENT 3 - USC

1. IDENTITY SHEET

2. REPORT

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TO - CHIEF, EOR

INFO - COS, GERMANY

IDENTITY CHECK

IDEN 1 - WILLY ZIRNGIBL, CHIEF BONN OFFICE WESTDEUTSCHE

ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG /CIRCULATION ON WEEKDAYS 600,000,

SATURDAYS 650,000/. MARRIED, TWO CHILDREN.

IDEN 2 - HANS WERNER GRAF FINCK V. FINCKENSTEIN, DIE WELT

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

IDEN 3 - BERND GRUENDLER, DER STERN, CHIEF POLITICAL DE-

PARTMENT.

IDEN 4 - DR. ^{de. 1001} GRAPP, FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG.

IDEN 5 - ^(de. 1001) FRUHLING, NEUE RUHR ZEITUNG.

IDEN 6 - NEUE PRESSE, FRANKFURT

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TO - CHIEF, EUP

INFO - COS, GERMANY

1. THE PRESENT LEADERSHIP OF THE FDP INCLUDING THE
COUNTRY OF DISTRICT CHIEFS, IS PREDOMINANTLY ABOUT 80 PERCENT
FOR A COALITION WITH THE SPD. HOWEVER, AS THINGS STAND NOW
THE ONLY POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF THE 1969 ELECTIONS WILL BE A
COALITION AGAIN BETWEEN CDU/CSU AND FDP.

2. IT CAN BE ASSUMED THAT BOTH EXTREME PARTIES, NPD AND
DPD, WILL INCREASE THEIR PERCENTAGE, THUS BOTH CDU AND SPD MAY
LOSE VOTES, HOWEVER, THE LOSSES OF THE SPD WILL BE MUCH HEAVIER
SINCE THE DISCONTENT IN PARTY RANKS IS REALLY STRONG AND ON
THE INCREASE.

3. HERBERT WEHNER IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE UNPOPULAR IN
THE PARTY AND OUTSIDE IT PARTICULARLY BECAUSE WEHNER IS NOT ABLE
TO CONTROL HIS TEMPER AND OF LATE DOES NOT TOLERATE COUNTER
ARGUMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE AT A RECENT DISCUSSION WITH EIGHT
NEWSPAPERS, SOMEBODY ARGUED A POINT WEHNER HAD MADE. INSTEAD
OF EXPLAINING HIS POINT OF VIEW WEHNER SAID - "I CAN'T DISCUSS
THINGS WITH DISCOMPOOPS" "DUMMKOEPPEN".

4. CHANCELLOR KURT GEORG KIESINGER IS UNPOPULAR IN THE
PARLIAMENTARY GROUP OF THE CDU/CSU. HE LIVES AND ACTS ONLY FOR
THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING HIS IMAGE. HE IN NO WAY CARES FOR HIS
PARTY. DESPITE THIS THE CDU KNOWS THAT THEY NEED HIM FOR THE
NEXT ELECTIONS AND HE CERTAINLY WILL BE THE NEXT CHANCELLOR.
HOWEVER, IT IS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN THAT HE WILL BE THE NEXT
CHANCELLOR. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN THAT HE WILL
REMAIN UNTIL 1973. SOURCE BELIEVES THAT THE TWO LIKELY CANDI-
DATES FOR EVENTUAL LEADERSHIP OF THE CDU ARE BRUNO HECK AND
HERMANN DUBRUE. THE LATTER IS STAGING HIS COMEBACK CARE-
FULLY BUT SYSTEMATICALLY AND WITH GREAT CUNNING. BARZEL WILL

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NEVER MAKE IT.

ONE OF THE FINANCIERS OF THE NPD IS THE INDUSTRIALIST
FNU SCHICKELANZ, THE OWNER OF THE QUELLE VERSANDHAUS.

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